Amendment in the Worker's Compensation Act

1952. SHRI IQBAL SINGH Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken the final decision to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 in order to enhance the relief amount to be paid to the families of workers suffering fatal and other injuries in the course of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to amend the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The Government have decided to enhance the minimum amount of compensation payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 from Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 50,000 on death and from Rs. 24,000 to Rs. 60,000 on permanent total disablement and, to enhance the rates of compensation from 40% of the monthly wage to 50% of the monthly wage in the case of death and from 50% of the monthly wage to 60% of the monthly wage multiplied by the relevant factor in the case of permanent total disablement etc. A bill is likely to be introduced during the current session of the Parliament.

Industrial Dispute Cases Referred to Tribunals

1953. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not yet referred the industrial dispute cases to tribunals that have been sent to Government by conciliaion office at Kanpur;

(b) whether such cases have been pending for the last three years or so;

(c) if so, the facts and resons thereof, and

(d) what further steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) No Failure of Conciliation (FOC) report received from the Office of the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) at Kanpur, during the years 1991 and 1992 is pending for a decision by the Government. Out of 143 FOC reports received from that office, the decision of the Government has been communicated in 90 cases. The time-lag in taking a decision on the FOC reports occurs due to the mandatory time given to the administrative Ministries for making efforts to settle the dispute amicably or offer their comments and also due to large number of FOC reports received in the Ministry from conciliation offices spread all over the country.

Institute for High-Tech in NCR

1954. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided earlier to set up Apex Institute for High Tech in National Capital Region (NCR);

(b) whether this Institute is being set up at Bangalore, and

(c) if so, what are the details of criteria for selecting N.C.R. earlier'and then changing over to Bangalore for the setting up of the institute ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The question of location of Apex Institute for High-Tech in the NCR/at Bangalore was considered keeping in view the criteria of concentration of user industries in Electronics, Computer & NC/CNC, growth rate of industries, utility of training programmes by user industries in the region, interaction with industries, academic institutions, R&D. organisation and institutions of higher learning, non-avaiability of similar institutes in